

# **UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER CONFERENCE**



**SUITABILITY SCREENING TRAINING**  
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# What You Need to Know About DoDEA and Special Education

- Who are we?
- Who are our clients ?
- What are the rules/regulations/laws?
- How do we work together?
- What do special education services look like?
- What is special education to a parent and child?

# DODEA Today

- DoDEA operates 222 public schools in 15 districts located in 13 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico.
- All schools are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies.
- Approximately 8,785 teachers serve 102,600 students.
- Approximately 10% of students receive special education services.

# ***What brings DoDDS and EFMP together?***

- DoDI 1010.13 - R “Overseas Assignment of Sponsors Who Have Children with Disabilities Who Are Space Required Students in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools,” March 12, 1992
- Goal: Ensure children with special needs receive appropriate educational services following a move overseas
- Pinpointing, screening, clearance ...much more

# ***OCONUS Directory***

## ***Efficient Use of Resources***

- Provides information on the location of pre-established programs and staff in each OCONUS military community
  - DoDDS - special education services
  - EDIS - early intervention services, related services
- Four categories plus one
- Additional category of severe or low incidence disabilities
  - deafness, blindness, severe emotional disturbance, severe autism, severity of disability requires a specialized environment

# OCONUS DIRECTORY

## School and EDIS Services



# Categories for Communities



- CATEGORY I
  - Small isolated communities
  - less 150 students
  - no pre-established special education services
  - EDIS itinerant
- Not recommended for children with special needs

# Categories for Communities



- CATEGORY II
  - IEPs less than 50% of students school week
  - minimal IFSP and related services required (Itinerant)
  - services for speech/language and learning disorders (LD) some itinerant services
- Exceed resources - disabilities of autism, hearing, vision, emotional impairment



# Categories for Communities



- CATEGORY III
  - provides up to 80% special education services
  - staffed for speech/language and learning impairments
  - itinerant staff for disabilities in vision, hearing and emotional impairments
  - EDIS located in communities
  - pre-established services for early intervention
- Most family members with disabilities can be assigned to Category III locations



- CATEGORY IV

- Staffed full time for speech/language, learning impairments ( learning disabilities and mental retardation), emotional impairments
- Part time staff for disabilities in vision and hearing - interpreters and orientation and mobility services available
- Special Education services up to 100% of the time
- EDIS located in communities - full time services
- CHECK FOR ACCOMPANING SERVICES FOR LOW INCIDENCE DISABILITIES

# What You Need to Know About DoDEA and Special Education

- You know who we are and who our clients are
- 1010.13R, 1342.12 and OCONUS Directory
- You know what special education services look like
- We work together by coordinating assignments
- Our focus is on the needs of children

# DoDEA Special Education Website

For the DoDEA special education website (with links for parents), go to:

[www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

and click on “special education”